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re: Conflict of Interest Inquiry

To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to request your opinion as to whether a conflict of interest would arise out of the following:

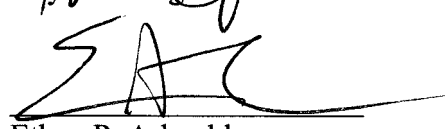
We have a general civil practice in DeSoto Parish and share office space with each other, and we are also assistant district attorneys in DeSoto Parish.

We have been contacted by Sevy Title, a title company in Bossier Parish owned and operated by Bridget Verret as her separate property, in connection with our office facilitating all closings of loan/title work they conduct in DeSoto Parish in exchange for a split of the closing fees. There would be no shared office space (we would both have wholly independent offices), nor would we be employees of Sevy Title. Mrs. Verret's husband is a criminal defense attorney in Bossier Parish who also handles some cases in DeSoto Parish where we prosecute, and he is a part time employee of Sevy Title, but we would have no contact with Mr. Verret as it relates to Sevy Title.

Please advise as to whether or not you believe this would cause a conflict of interest.

Thank you for your time,


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